

HOUSE BILL 971

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CF SB 462

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Peace Order or Protective Order Petition – Respondent’s Address**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the information required of a person filing a petition for a
4 peace order or a protective order to include, if known, the home or business
5 address of the respondent; and generally relating to peace orders or protective
6 orders.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
9 Section 3–1503(b)(1)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Family Law
14 Section 4–504(b)(1)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

20 3–1503.

21 (b) (1) The petition shall:

22 (i) Be under oath and provide notice to the petitioner that an
23 individual who knowingly provides false information in the petition is guilty of a

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to the penalties specified in subsection (d) of
2 this section;

3 (ii) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section,
4 contain the address of the petitioner; and

5 (iii) Include all information known to the petitioner of:

6 1. The nature and extent of the act specified in
7 subsection (a) of this section for which the relief is being sought, including information
8 known to the petitioner concerning previous harm or injury resulting from an act
9 specified in subsection (a) of this section by the respondent;

10 2. Each previous and pending action between the parties
11 in any court; and

12 3. The whereabouts of the respondent, **INCLUDING, IF**
13 **KNOWN, THE RESPONDENT'S HOME OR BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

14 **Article – Family Law**

15 4–504.

16 (b) (1) The petition shall:

17 (i) be under oath; and

18 (ii) include any information known to the petitioner of:

19 1. the nature and extent of the abuse for which the relief
20 is being sought, including information known to the petitioner concerning previous
21 injury resulting from abuse by the respondent;

22 2. each previous action between the parties in any court;

23 3. each pending action between the parties in any court;

24 4. the whereabouts of the respondent, **[if known]**
25 **INCLUDING, IF KNOWN, THE RESPONDENT'S HOME OR BUSINESS ADDRESS;**

26 5. if financial relief is requested, information known to
27 the petitioner regarding the financial resources of the respondent; and

28 6. in a case of alleged child abuse or alleged abuse of a
29 vulnerable adult, the whereabouts of the child or vulnerable adult and any other
30 information relating to the abuse of the child or vulnerable adult.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2012.